Rs. 6,65,300 is expected, the increase in the latter having been due to special circumstances already explained. 'Salt' is still another head which exhibits a decrease of Rs. 15,600 as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 5,74,000—on the basis of the average of the actuals of the previous years.

Against these decreases, we are anticipating appreciable increases chiefly under 'Abkari and Ganja', 'Tobacco', 'Interest' and 'Scientific, etc., Departments'. Mainly on account of the higher bids at the auction sales of the arrack and toddy shops as also of the tobacco shops, the receipts under 'Abkari and Ganja' and 'Tobacco' are expected to amount to Rs. 12,54,600 and Rs. 3,14,900 respectively as against the revised estimate figures of Rs. 11,39,100 and Rs. 2,65,700 under these heads. Based on the actual investments, the receipts under 'Interest' have been fixed at Rs. 2,93,200 while from 'Scientific, etc., Departments' an increased return of Rs. 19,000 over the revised estimate of Rs. 7,200 is anticipated due to the fact that manufacture on a larger scale is proposed to be undertaken next year in the Stoneware Factory. The House will be glad to hear that the tiles and bricks even now manufactured in the factory are found to be much superior and there is much demand for them already. It is also possible to manufacture on a large scale china-ware, inkstands, jars, etc.

Disbursements.

I shall now turn to our estimates of expenditure for the coming year. In doing so, I may state for the information of the House that while framing our estimates we first take into account the expenditure necessary to meet all commitments against existing establishments, as also the additional expenditure required to bring to completion or advance to a further stage schemes of departmental development already sanctioned by the Council in connection with the budgets of the current and previous years and it is only then that we consider what new commitments arising out of departmental proposals can be undertaken with due regard to the resources of our disposal. A list of such important items has been separately noted in my memorandum.

Land Revenue.—Only the usual provisions are made in the Land Revenue Department and the items that call for any special comment are those under 'Temporary Establishment.' The renewal of the Oodupilli lands is not yet complete, and the services of a Menon may be required for the whole year to complete the work. All the graduate clerks in the Department trained in survey have been absorbed in the cadre of Revenue Inspectors and it is found necessary that some more graduate

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clerks in the Department are got trained so that there may not be dearth of trained hands when vacancies arise. Hence the provision of Rs. 500 towards the pay of the proposed hand when under training. The provision of Rs. 5,000 made in the current year for sending suitable candidates for training in Pisciculture, etc., could not be utilised during the year owing to certain unavoidable circumstances and the same is, therefore, repeated. Owing to the large number of agricultural loan applications and land acquisition cases, the entertainment of an additional clerk was found quite necessary in the office of the Diwan Peishkar, and it was sanctioned during the course of the year. It is to provide for the pay of this hand on Rs. 45 for 6 months that a provision of Rs. 270 has been made in both the revised and the budget estimates together. The necessity for the training of clerks in Treasury and Account work to take the place of Samprathies when vacancies arise is so obvious that I deem no further explanation necessary for the provision of Rs. 300 made therefor.

Agriculture and Panchayats.—The full complement of the Inspectors with the return of all the Darbar scholarship-holders in the Agricultural College at Poona, the provision for the equipment of the Laboratory which was often referred to in the Council, additional contribution to the Village Panchayats—these are some of the features of this budget for the coming year. The usual provision of Rs. 4,000 has also been made for holding an exhibition—this time at Chittur.

Co-operative.—With the sustained increase in the number of Co-operative Societies as also in membership and capital and with the wider appreciation of the benefits of the movement shown by the depressed classes, it is found necessary to continue the temporary establishment of inspectors and clerks for the coming year. A special Co-operative Inspector for the depressed classes has also been appointed to supervise the work of the Societies for them as also for the dissemination of the benefits of co-operation to a larger extent among them. To have closer supervision over the Societies it is proposed to form supervising unions as in Travancore. For the coming year four such unions are proposed to be given grants to start with. It is also proposed to get trained the senior clerks of the Department in the Institute at Madras so that there may be duly trained hands when vacancies occur in the Inspectorate and hence the provision of Rs. 500 for the purpose. One of the hands in the Department has already been deputed for the proposed training in order to enable him to join the Institution in time.

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